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## OBITUARY

### Elberta Marion Johnson

Elberta Marion Johnson was born in Muscatine County on February 16, 1868, and died at her home at 427 8th Avenue July 9. She had been ill for the past several years.

Daughter of Even and Calista Benschopf, she was born at Pleasant Prairie, Muscatine county, Iowa. Here she received her education, grew to womanhood, and on December 27, 1894, was united in marriage with Glenn W. Johnson. Six children were born to this union.

Engaged in farming, the family lived variously in Muscatine, Dallas and Montgomery counties. It was at the latter home that the husband passed away, October 26, 1906.

After his death the mother and children returned for a time to Muscatine county. Then in 1908 they came to Grinnell, where the deceased has lived ever since.

Six weeks ago she sustained a bad fall, the shock of which kept her bedfast, and hastened the end. Death came on July 9, 1955, at her home.

Mrs. Johnson belonged to the Methodist church and shared in its activities until poor health interfered. Although confined to her home for many years, she took a keen interest in both community and world affairs.

Also surviving are one granddaughter, Mrs. Mabel Ziegenmeyer and three great grandchildren, all of Grinnell. Two sons, Hugh and Chester, and a daughter, Avid Boyd, preceded their mother in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Hattie Johnson and Mrs. Myrca (Florence) Plum of Grinnell; and a son, Glenn W. Johnson, also of Grinnell.

Services were held July 11 at the Smith Funeral Home with Rev. John DeLong, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating.

Organ selections were played by Mrs. Rhee Auman and pall-

bearers were Roger Berry, Carl Child, Howard Edwards, Gerald Laros, Ed McNally and Henry Niester.

Mrs. Johnson had been a re-

sident of Grinnell for 47 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.